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literature will become more and more important. The Creoles have contributed largely to the literature of the State; they will surely do as well in the future as they have done in the past.

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AN AMERICAN DIALECT SOCIETY.

A circular was issued from Cambridge, Mass., on February 19, announcing a plan for the formation of an AMERICAN DIALECT SOCIETY. The purpose of the organization is stated to be, "to collect and publish, from time to time, material relating to dialects," limiting these dialects to the "spoken English of the United States and Canada and incidentally of other non-aboriginal dialects spoken in the same countries." This announcement was received with favor and on March 13 a meeting was called in Sever Hall (Harvard University), when the Association was definitely formed with Professor J. J. CHILD (Harvard University) President; Professor J. M. HART (University of Cincinnati), Vice-President; Prof. EDWARD S. SHELDON (Harvard University), Secretary; Prof. C. H. GRANDGENT (Harvard University), Treasurer; Professors G. L. KITTREDGE (Cambridge) and SYLVESTER PRIMER (College of Charleston) as Colleagues of the Secretary on the Editing Committee; and as further members of the Executive Committee, Professors F. D. ALLEN (Cambridge), B. I. WHEELER (Cornell University), and C. F. SMITH (Vanderbilt University). The following is the Constitution adopted by the new organization:

I. NAME AND OBJECT.

The name of this Society shall be THE AMERICAN DIALECT SOCIETY. Its object is the investigation of the spoken English of the United States and Canada, and incidentally of other non-aboriginal dialects spoken in the same countries.

II. OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treas-

urer and an Editing Committee of three, of whom the Secretary shall be one. These officers, with three other members of the Society, shall constitute an Executive Committee, which shall control all expenditures. They shall have power to fill any vacancy in their number by appointment, until new officers are chosen at the next annual meeting.

III. ADVISORY BOARD.

The Executive Committee shall have authority to appoint secretaries for different parts of the country, who shall supervise the work of their respective districts. These district secretaries shall constitute an Advisory Board.

IV. MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a member of the Society by sending one dollar, with his name and address, to the Treasurer, and may continue his membership by payment of the same amount annually thereafter, this payment being due on the first of January.

V. MEETINGS.

An annual meeting for the presentation of reports by the Secretary and the Treasurer and election of officers shall be held in December, the day and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. The officers chosen at this meeting shall enter upon their duties on the first of January following and serve for one year. Timely notice of this meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to all members. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee.

VI. PUBLICATIONS.

The amount and distribution of the publications of this Society shall be under the control of the Executive Committee.

VII. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting by a two-third vote, provided at least ten members have expressed their approval of them in writing to the Secretary before the first day of November. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be given in the call for the meeting.